

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

A proposed drawing change is submitted herewith. Proposed changes are shown in red. The attached sheet include changes to Fig. 2A. This sheet, which includes only Fig. 2A, replaces the original sheet including only Fig. 2A. In Fig. 2A, plate **40** including holes **44**, bolts **42** and **46** have been added. Pin **51b** has been exploded to show its pre-assembly position. Reference characters **48a**, **48b**, and **54a** have been added to more clearly show previously indicated threaded surfaces. Reference character **48c** has been added to clearly show an opening for receiving pin **51b**.

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## **REMARKS**

By the present amendment, Applicant proposes to amend the specification and revise the drawings. Upon entry of the proposed amendment, Claims 1, 3, 5-9 and 11-14 remain for consideration. Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims.

In the recent Final Office Action the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83 (b) as being incomplete. The Examiner held that it was unclear (1) why the external surface of end portion **52** is threaded; (2) how this threaded end could be threaded into the threaded bore in plate **40** since pin **51b** would prevent rotation of shaft **50**; (3) internal threaded bore in end **52** not shown; (4) where pin **51b** is received in plate **40**.

Applicant regrets the lack of clarity in showing these features in the drawings. To this end Fig 2A and the specification have been amended so that these features are clearly illustrated and explained. As shown (1) bore in plate **40** is provided with internal threads **48b** to receive threaded end **52**; (2) pin **51b** is shown exploded from shaft **50**. Pin **51b** is not inserted until after end **52** is threaded into bore plate **40**; the internal threaded bore for end **52** has been designated as **48a**; (4) reference character **48c** indicates an opening (shown in phantom lines) in plate **40** for receiving pin **51b**.

In the above noted Final Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3 5-9 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling.

The Examiner indicated that the rejected claims would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, were overcome.

Applicant has amended the drawings and specification to more clearly show the structural assembly of the stabilizing pin to the shaft and plate. Again, it is emphasized that this structural arrangement is not, *per se*, a part of the inventive concept but represents the conventional method for installing stabilizing pins for rotating shafts and wheels. It should be noted that this structural arrangement is not claimed. The revisions to the specification and drawings merely addresses the Examiner's request for clarification without introducing any new matter raising any new issues.

Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendments made herein properly respond to the outstanding Final Rejection and represent a *bona fide* effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application. Care has been exercised to ensure that no new matter has been introduced and that no new issues have been raised that would require further consideration or search. It is felt that no inordinate amount of time will be required on the part of the Examiner to review and consider this amendment. Accordingly, entry of the proposed amendment is respectfully requested.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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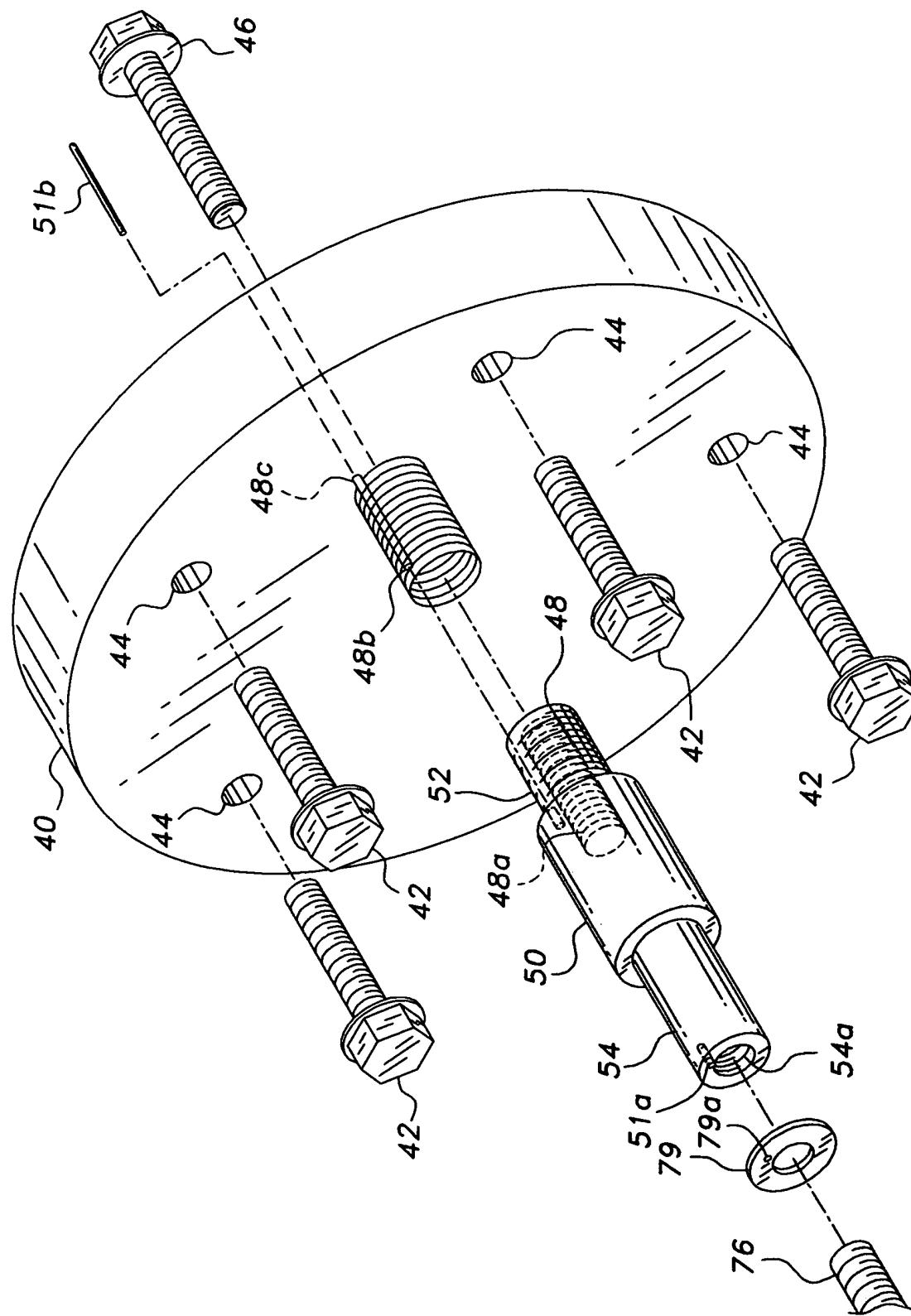


Fig. 2A